

I am extremely concerned with NABs lobbying to restrict information on satellite radio in regards to weather and traffic. In a nation that promotes free speech and competition, I can't understand how a government organization would allow stiffling of these basic premises of our constitution and way of life. I have been an XM radio subscriber for about 18 months. Living in the Southern California area, I have been stiffling in my radio listening choices due to a large market and a limited radio spectrum. Once a successful format is found, all the stations try to imitate it. My saving grace has been XM radio, which I almost exclusively use. I can choose the type of music or news or viewpoints that I am in the mood for, not what the market research studies say I should listen too. I also have to commute 100 miles or more each day for my job, with the new weather and traffic, I am able to plan my route correctly. The reports are accurate and thorough and better than the limited data I get from terrestrial radio. Please do not interfere with a service that almost all subscribers are happy to pay for and receive. If NAB wants to compete in this arena, maybe they should spend less time lobbying for restrictions on my choices, and step up to the plate to provide services on a comparable level as satellite radio.

Thank You,

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